Telephone Facility in Post Offices of Orissa

3952. SHRI GOVINDA CHANDRA MUNDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices in Keonjhar, Mayurbhanj and Sundergarh districts in Orissa where telephone facility is not available at present; and

(b) the time by which telephone facility is likely to be provided in all the above Post Offices?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The number of Post Offices where Telephone facilities are not available at present are as under:

Name of Distt.	*No. of Post Offices without Telephone Facilities*
1. Keonjhar	284
2. Mayurbhanj	593
3. Sundergarh	307

(b) The Department has planned to provide Telephone Facilities in all village Panchayats during 1991—95. These Telephones will be located at Post Offices, Panchayat Offices, Grocer's Shop or other suitable places with public Access.

[English]

Integration of Intelligence Agencies

3953. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to integrate the functioning of the various intelligence agencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up an office of Chief of Intelligence; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b) There is no such proposal at present.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Introduction of Commercial Data Service

3954. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHOSALE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Commercial data Service has been introduced in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether terminal for this service have since been installed at some places in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the expenditure incurred thereon;

(e) whether this service will help development of rural areas;

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) whether some more terminals are to be installed in the country in the near future?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The commercial data service has been introduced with the commission of Remote Area Business Message Network (RABMN). This is a satellite based Data Network comprising of Master Earth Station co-located with Delhi Earth Station at Sikandrabad (UP) & users' owned Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT) installed at their premises.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) 77 VSATs have been installed so far at different user premises throughout the country. The present unit cost of VSAT is about Rs. 5.2 lakhs.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The introduction of this network will provide direct data communication facilities to remotely located project sites, mines, industries in rural areas which will help in enhancing the socio-economic conditions of rural areas.

(g) Yes, Sir.

STD Facility in U.P., M.P. and Rajasthan

3955. SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN: SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state: